



# Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Lower Florida Keys

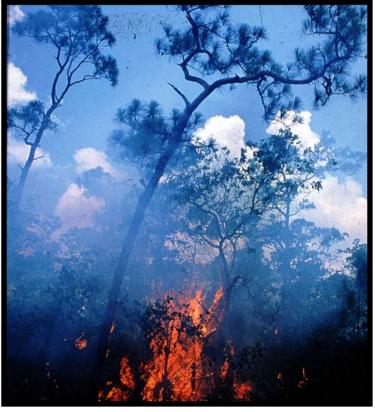




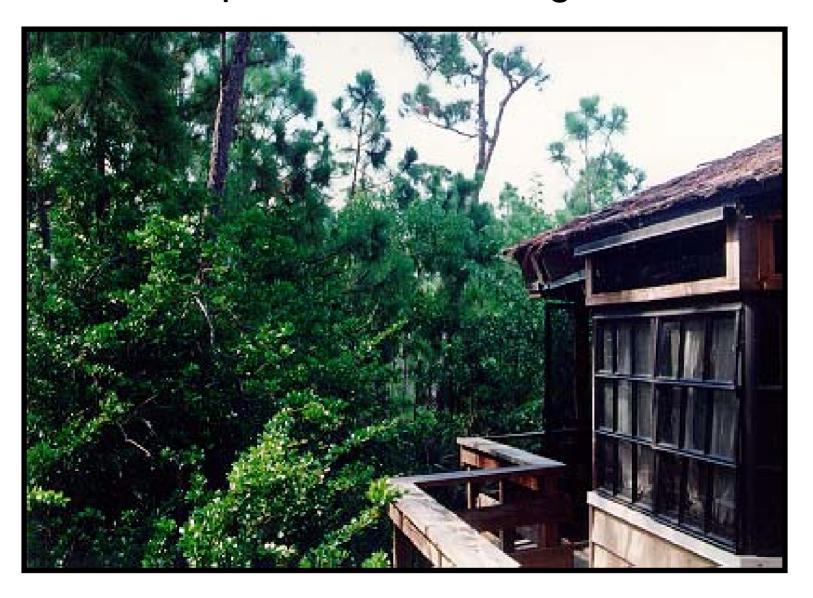
#### Pine Rockland

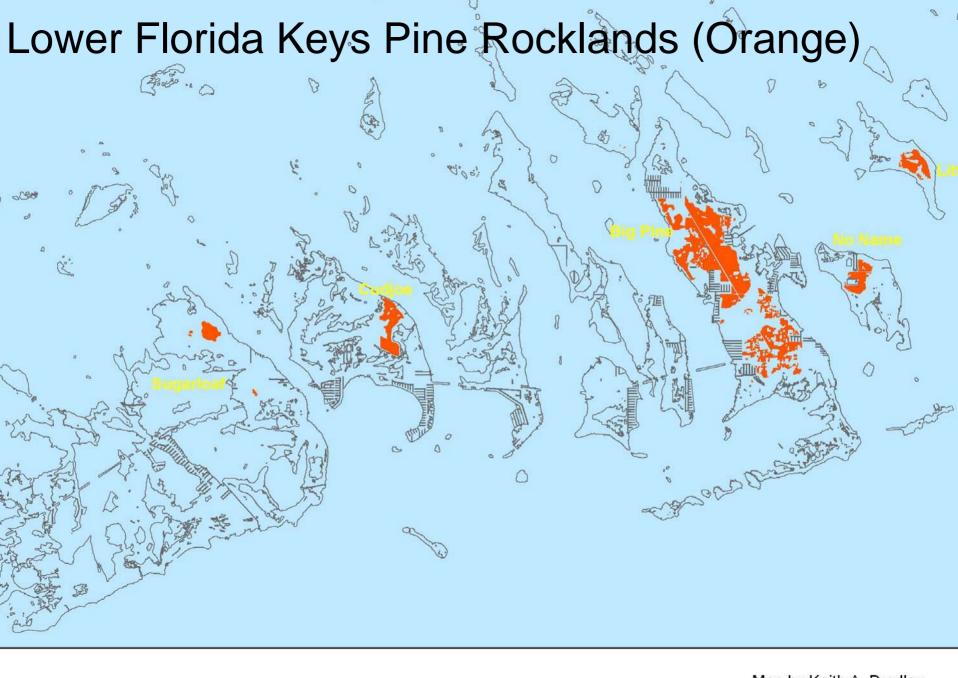


Fire Dependent



#### Homes at Risk in the Wildland Urban Interface Complicate Fire Management





# Lower Keys Wildfire Hazard Reduction Initiative Participants: TNC, USFWS, FL DOF, Monroe Co., VFD's... Goals: Educate residents, train and equip firefighters, assess and mitigate hazard

- Train firefighters in basic wildfire fighting and Wildland Urban Interface tactics
- Equip firefighters with appropriate wildland fire protective equipment, tools, etc.
- Install new fire hydrants where water supply is sufficient
- Install dry wells where water supply is not
- Maintain mapping of high-fire danger homes

- Maintain existing firebreaks
- Complete clearing around high fire danger homes and maintain low fuel areas around homes that have been cleared around
- Educate residents about fire hazard reduction options (e.g. media, topic-specific workshops, outreach to existing groups, one-on-one outreach, signs)
- Conduct ecologically sensitive prescribed burns

- Experiment with mechanical pre-prescribed fire treatment for areas that are difficult to prescribed burn and mechanical fire surrogate treatment for areas that are impractical to prescribed burn
- Develop vegetation pick up amnesty day to encourage people to remove fuels from near homes
- Remove impediments to emergency vehicle access (e.g. replace concrete barricade at ends of Journey's End and Harbor Lights Roads with locked gate, maintain firebreak at south end of Pine Heights, etc.)

 Develop on-site fire management staff or USFWS

 Increase prevention/outreach role of local FDOF rangers

Your ideas here!!!

Your ideas here!!!





# Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Lower Florida Keys



